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Our normal summer drought was unusually prolonged, causing loss on some crops and scarcity of water in some places. Normally September is one of our hot, summer months, but this year I was surprised to find some trees beginning to change color.

No more white Violets and Wood Sorrell until next year. These and many other dormant now. Best time to place orders for them is in late February and early March, and carry them as pot plants until garden is ready. When the cold rains begin in late October some of the Sorrells will put up ghost like blooms without any leaves.

Have been "monkeying" this fall with the New Midget Cucumber and feel sure that here is something very much worthwhile for the future, but not yet ready for dependence for the regular supply. Would not advise more than 2 or 3 hills at most, and consider them as recreation, not food supply. I was able to get that much seed from Parks Seed Co., Greenwood, South Carolina, for 5c. Planted the 3 hills in 3 dishpans. First filled the pan with leaf mat from the woods, more than half full. Finished with rich loam enriched still further with Vigoro.

First pan planted July 1, with Oak Leaf Lettuce around. Chickens got in and ate the newly sprouted lettuce, so Cukes had the pan. Thinned to one plant. When vine tried to run out of pan, I used little pegs to confine it. Vine hardly 2 ft. long. Set 2 cukes. One shrivelled. Other showed tiny streaks of yellow when about 3½ in.

long and about 1½ in. through. We ate it. Fine flavor.

~~Planted second pan July 5. Thinned to 2 plants. They bloomed their fool selves to death and did not set a cuke.~~  
~~Planted third pan about July 12. Left 4 plants. Set about half as many blooms as in pan 2 and died without showing a cuke.~~

Will be of great value when further perfected.

Klenia articulate (never heard of a common name for it) still puzzling me.

This fall received an Achmea racinæ and Achmea orlandiana and a Billbergia meyerii from Mulford B. Foster, Orlando, Fla. He sent a page of detailed instructions as to their care, which I followed. Soon after I had a sick spell and neglected plants for three days. Found some one or something had twisted the achmea racinæ from its roots and laid in a neat pile near by. The goat had not been in the yard; chickens would have scattered the leaves. Am compelled to think it must have been children trying to be funny.

Spurred me and I rushed my tenderest plants into the house, regardless of whether or not I had space for them. Only place for Klenia is a north kitchen window where it gets plenty of light, but only a bit of direct sunshine and that later afternoon. Had dwaddled along all summer on a stand under a big oak. Since moved is growing robustly.

About two months ago, some one, probably a child, completely mixed my

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plant labels. Of course I know some plants personally, but without labels, am likely to get new plants mixed. Cannot now put any dependence in my labels. Found a small child of a neighbor going off with some of my labels. That may account for it.

Several have written asking me why I use botanical names. The truth is Necessity. Common names are local; botanical names are world wide. Common names vary in different sections. The Yellow Sheets go by subscription into practically every state, England and Italy; as sample copies have gone to Canada, Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, West Indies, three different points in Africa, Hawaii, Philippines, Australia and New Zealand. Just recently received a request for price list from a grower in Iceland. Do not now recall any from Japan or the mainland of Asia, but a grower in Thibet would know exactly what plant was meant from the botanical name.

Some further "monkeying" makes me think that a lone housekeeper with room for a leaky dishpan in part sun, can easily raise a nice bit of Salad. Chinese Cabbage is about my favorite salad plant. Prepared a pan as for the cukes and broadcast seed, trying to drop them about an inch apart. Have thinned three times, getting salad for three adults each time. Enough plants left for another serving soon. A 5c packet is more than big enough.

We do not burn leaves. Seems like a sin to me—flouting a gift from God to gardeners. The goat and cow eat some. They make fine litter for chickens and fine bedding for any stock, and fine fertilizer if buried. When we moved to this place in 1920, most of the land was down to hard pan, wouldn't sprout weeds. Now, with the

exception of spots where rocks outcrop, all is good corn land and much of it good enough for a garden.

### HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

**HARDY SEDUMS.** All Sedums I call hardy can survive 15 below zero without protection. Some of them are hardy in the sub-Arctic. Most are fine for rock garden plants. Last year my *Sempervivums* made almost no increase. This year most are "hatching" chicks, and when my backlog of orders left from last year are filled, I hope to have a number of varieties of hardy Semps to offer. There is a rock garden plant par excellence. Most of the dwarf plants listed under other heads, and many of the wildlings, are also good for rock gardens.

I have wholesale quantities of the following Sedums: *Sarmentosum*, hardy to subarctic, pendant effect. One sent me *Glaucum*, much like album, but different flowers and winter coloring; *Album* white flowers; evergreen with us, an album hybrid has never bloomed for me, color of foliage slightly different, a grey green one which I think is *altissimum*, good in rock garden, dish garden or as a pot plant; *Acre* and *Sexanfulare* much alike but different, both dwarf and good ground cover for clayey spots; *Maximoiczi*, little known in U.S.A.—two varieties which are in dispute among the botanists who have seen them. The dealer from whom I bought them identified them as the rare pink-flowered *Stoloneferum*, and No. 28 as *Stoloneferum coccinea*; and the faculty of our State Experiment Station at Hope, Ark., agrees with him. Other botanists just as well posted say that both are unusual *Spurium* hybrids.

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Have from one to a dozen plants of other varieties. Will trade, plant for plant, any Sedum listed for starts of the purple House Leek (*Sedum Spectabile atropurpureum*). Have had it but put it out in the yard where Bermuda grass killed it.

Any Sedum listed, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 5c.

Seven well-rooted, small clumps, all different, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 25c, postpaid.

If selection is left to me, 50 well-rooted Sedums, 10 varieties labeled, \$1.00.

If unlabeled, 1c each in lot of 25.

CONFEDERATE VIOLETS, grey effect, thrive in poor soil and can stand more sun than others.

WHITE VIOLETS, force easily for late winter blooming IF you can keep mice away from the tiny buds.

Wood Sorrell (wild Oxalis) attractive, edible foliage, early flowering, very hardy.

Virginia Creeper, well known vine. Deep red in fall.

Five Fingers (*Potentilla*) small vine with some medicinal value. Found growing among rocks. Blooms in early summer.

Wood Betony (*Betonia*). Good ground cover for deep shade. Fern-like leaves, deep red when the first come through. Yellow blooms, good stems for cutting.

Red Tradescantia, so called from the winter color of the leaves. Mother plants I brought in from clay bank hillsides, light shade, had deep maroon colored flowers; but only the Lord Himself knows what color they will be in your garden. Anything from bluish white through all the shades of blue and purple to deep maroon, will be

entirely normal. One of the native Spiderworts. Very hardy.

Any of the above plants 5c each, unless otherwise noted.

Christmas Fern, 2½ ft. tall. Green through the winter with us, becoming shabby in the spring. Needs shade. Good for base plantings on north side of house. Very hardy, 10c.

Ebony Spleenwort Fern, also green through winter, and unsightly in the spring. About 18 in. tall. Very hardy. Can stand more sun than the Christmas Fern, and often found growing in cracks of rocks and among roots of hardwood trees, 10c.

Blunt Lobed Woodsia Fern, often found growing with the Ebony Spleenwort. Same conditions. Dies down in winter, 10c.

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### HARDY CACTI—10c EACH

OPUNTIA VULGARE (Common Prickly Pear) hardy, flower creamy yellow, fruit edible. Can be used as pot plant. Thrives in poor soil.

OPUNTIA VASEYI, hardy on the Colorado desert.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA, stately lawn plant, hardy here to 15 below.

OPUNTIA RAMOSISSIMA, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in rock gardens, also good as pot plant.

An almost spineless Opuntia found here in only one spot that I know of. May be Beaver Tail.

### HOUSE PLANTS

Common Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Large Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Green and White Wandering Jew, 5c.

Bryophyllums, 10c each.

Dark Red Coleus, 5c each.

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Variegated Coleus, 5c each.

Talinum, tender perennial, blooming early from seed. Tall, with pink flowers much like Baby's Breath. Seeds itself as far north as Topeka, Kansas. 5c each; 30c per doz.

Peanut Cactus (*Chamecerous Sylvestris*), 10c.

Optunia Vilyi (dwarf tender), 10c.

Optunia, either elata or subelata, not sure which, 10c.

Cactus Echinopsis, 10c.

(When the babies are big enough).

Opuntia robusta, a tall Prickly Pear with big pads. Makes a fine lawn specimen. Hardy here, 10c. Another Opuntia which I think is Beaver Tail. No stickers but plenty of the little tufts that get into fingers and clothes.

Unless otherwise stated, all plants whose prices are not given, are 5c each. Postage paid on orders of 50c or more. For less than that amount, please add 5c.

Until income is bigger, the Yellow Sheets will be published bi-monthly.

I have young well rooted Semper-vivums but for reasons given in the text, can identify only a few. 3 for 25c, either alike or different, as you prefer.

Owing to my age and health, am having to omit much of my rambling in the woods and confine my attention to unusual plants to be obtained otherwise.

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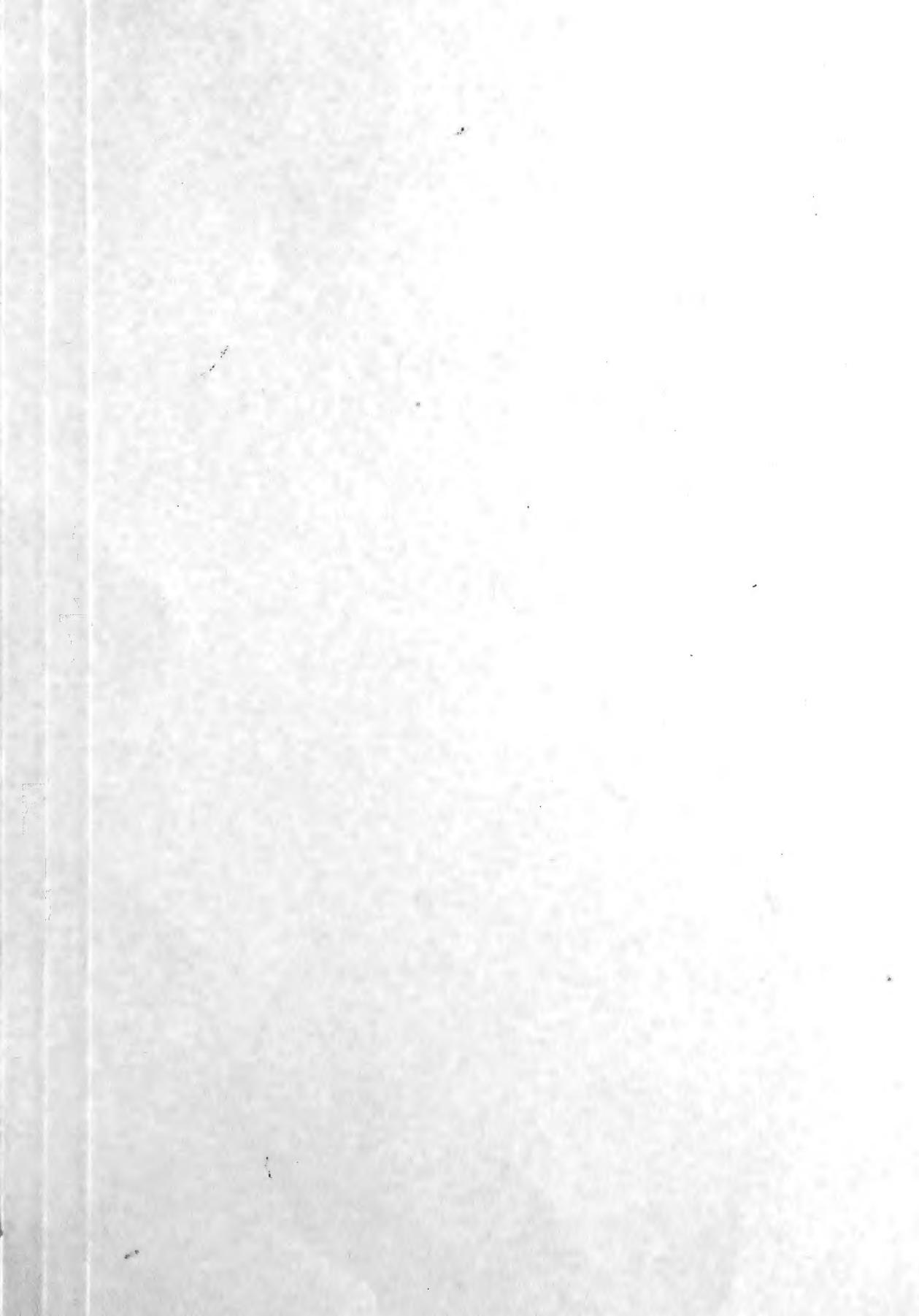
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